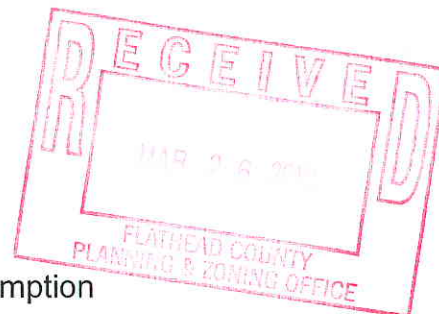


March 25, 2010

Mr. Jeff Harris
Flathead County Planning Director
1035 1st Avenue West
Kalispell, MT 59901



RE: Bigfork Wastewater Treatment Facility Agency Exemption

Dear Mr. Harris:

The purpose of this letter is to request an Agency Exemption, in accordance with MCA 76-2-402, on behalf of the Bigfork County Water and Sewer District for an upcoming wastewater treatment facility improvements project.

Improvements to the wastewater treatment facility are being completed to address imminent changes to Bigfork's wastewater treatment permitting standards and to expand the capacity to accommodate an increase in wastewater flows projected over the next 20 years. To complete this, new treatment processes are being installed which need to be housed in new buildings. However, while the new buildings are under construction, the existing building and treatment processes must continue to be operational. Because the wastewater facility is located on a small site with little room available for expansion, new buildings and access drives will need to encroach into the current 20-foot setback.

The purpose of the exemption is for a relaxed setback requirement for the building. Since this is a deviation from the current zoning requirement, the exemption is necessary. As shown on the attached drawing, the original setback of 20 feet will not allow enough room for the new buildings or access drives to be constructed with the plant still in operation.

Please see the attached drawing and adjacent property ownership list for your use. If you have any questions, please call me at 751-5845.

Sincerely,
Morrison-Maierle Inc.



Greg Lukasik, P.E.
Project Engineer

Encl: Certified Property Ownership List
Proposed Setback Drawing